



The Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) of the Organization of American States (OAS), through its responsibilities for the administration and management of the MIRPS Fund, continues striving for its implementation and execution, in line with the support required by the MIRPS States and in addition to the existing mechanisms to respond to the challenges of forced displacement in Central America and Mexico.

In this regard, DSI, in coordination with the MIRPS States and strategic partners, has carried out several activities during the first quarter of 2024.



EL SALVADOR

Awarding of technical specialization scholarships within the framework of the project "Enhancing the Livelihoods of Returnee Children and Adolescents in need of Protection and their families".



As part of the project's first activities, on January 15 of this year, CONAPINA awarded the first technical specialization scholarships to the project's beneficiaries living in the central region of the country. These people, relatives of returned children and adolescents, will be trained in cosmetology, barbering, nail art, baking and pastry making, among other occupations. Adolescents from the beneficiary families also received scholarships to learn English as a second language.

Through the generation of knowledge and technical skills, more opportunities will be created for the beneficiaries to access the labor market, contribute to local economies, generate roots in their communities, reinforce their self-esteem, and beyond that, provide hope and the desire to improve.





PANAMA

Presentation of results at the VI Annual Meeting of the MIRPS

On January 24, during the High-Level Solidarity Segment of the VI Annual Meeting of the MIRPS, held in Panama City, the DSI presented an update on the progress and results of the implementation of the MIRPS Fund. This report highlighted the importance of this mechanism, which allows all MIRPS States to have equitable access to resources to bring durable solutions to displaced persons, fulfilling on the field the commitments made in the framework of MIRPS.



Delivery of basic assistance and hygiene kits and school kits under the project "Strengthening the care, integration and protection of refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in the Darien province"

On March 15, the Ministry of Government of the Republic of Panama delivered basic assistance and hygiene kits and school kits as part of the project financed by the MIRPS Fund, to the communities of Metetí, Alto Playona and Boca de Cupe. The OAS Office in Panama accompanied this visit and witnessed the delivery of these kits.

This delivery benefited more than 800 refugees and asylum seekers in the Province of Darien, providing humanitarian assistance and supporting the education of children, thus promoting the full enjoyment of their fundamental rights.





ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER



GUATEMALA

Project: "Facilitation of labor inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees in Guatemala."

The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MINTRAB) has completed the internal procedures to sign the agreement in the coming weeks to start the implementation of the project during the second quarter of 2024.



BELIZE

Project: "Public Awareness Campaign and Border Presence"

The High Level Selection Committee (CSAN by its acronym in Spanish) will be convened in the coming weeks to evaluate the proposal submitted by the Ministry of Immigration of Belize through its Refugee Department, thus adding another initiative to the First Portfolio of MIRPS Fund Projects.



The implementation of these projects during 2023 and 2024 is possible with Spain's pioneering contribution, as a clear commitment to the principle of solidarity and shared responsibility.



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The MIRPS Fund is open to receive new contributions, and to continue implementing initiatives and projects on the field in the MIRPS States.

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